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Grow Again*
March 2024



Tulsa Garden Club
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Beautifying Tulsa since 1929!

**11 a.m., Monday
April 1, 2024
Tulsa Garden Center
2435 South Peoria Avenue**

**\$17.50 BOX LUNCH AND
\$50 DUES BY MARCH 25!**



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Plant for the Environment

North-South-East-West

**Gordon Colebrook
Colebrook Nursery**

11 a.m., Monday, April 1, 2024

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**Members bring
a friend &
Salad to share**



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What's YOUR "more" in 2024?

- Learn more on April 1 with Gordon: plant the right plants in the right spots with the right environmental impact
#PlantOklahoma #PlantAmerica
- Participate with Griffin Ryker, Member since 2022, and Pamie Murphy, Member since 2021, as they lead Pledge of Allegiance and share Garden Inspiration
- Find out more about Project Empowerment through Penny Pines' reforestation. Bring loose change to support our own Ouachita National Forest
- Finalize plans for April 6, "Showing for Tulsa!" Bring items for Youth Recycled Sculpture Workshop
- Pick up Advance Tickets for May 11 "Tulsa Heart & Soil" 73rd Annual Garden Tour and sign up to serve as Cashier and/or Hostess
- Sign up to help, April 12-13, Springfest
- Discover details for Nat'l Garden Week and Magical Mystery Tour
- Bring plants to donate to NSU-BA



Tulsa Garden Club 2023-2024 Officers

Planting Oklahoma: Let's Think Global and Plant Local

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Organization *Fleta Haskins*

Garden Tour/Patrons *Sandy Farris &
Brenda Michael-Haggard*



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Rose Fund

February 12-March 11, 2024

www.TulsaGardenClub.org/Rose-Fund

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Welcome, New Members!

Brian Bovaird

Kim Flick

Debbie James

Chrisanne Nelson

Danette O'Connell

Membership in Oklahoma's largest, longest-operating garden club, and one of the first nationally-federated garden clubs, extends Tulsa Garden Club's vision to engage the community through gardening education.

Members benefit from affiliation with Northeast District (NED) of Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc., Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc. (OGC), South Central Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc. (SCR), and National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC)

Help Us Raise Needed Money!

Bloomin' Buck\$
with Brent and Becky's

Order bulbs and perennials to plant for spring!
Click the Bloomin' Buck\$ image/link, choose
Tulsa Garden Club to "seed" in multi ways.



President's Perspective

by Kathi Blazer, Member since 2018

Step out!

Well, I stepped out. I asked Jimmy, the husband, not to be confused with Jimmy Black, the member, to bring me some flowers for a friend whose dog passed away. He brought me a semi-wilted \$6 bouquet of mums from Walmart. They were multi-colored.

I needed to give them some respect and this was a perfect opportunity to try my skills with little to no risk and not entering a show. With my recent design knowledge, I made two designs: a low petite for my sister-in-law, and a standard stridently vertical for the friend.

Took me an hour yet the results were amazing.

I still feel joyful while writing about these creations! In the old days, before you, I would have cut the mums' stems the same length and inserted into a glass vase.

What is better than doing something you've never tried and discovering YOU CAN DO IT!

Do not hold back from entering our April 6 show. Know that the most fun is at home thinking about and working on the design.

The shock is when you see the other entries. Sometimes yours will be great and other times it will fall short.



Kathi Raun Hromas Blazer
President, 2022-2024



Regardless, the purpose is learning, doing and — camaraderie—not that darn ribbon.

Kathi Raun Hromas Blazer

Register YOUR GARDEN

as a

National Garden Clubs' Certified Wildlife Habitat

Receive a certificate.

Purchase plaque pictured at right to display in your garden!



To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow. Audry Hepburn



Gardening Education in Action

By Club Awareness Team

Two more Hump Days! Join us for March 20 and April 3 as expert designers, growers, judges, and award-winning flower show exhibitors help Members and guests (could be you!) prepare for "Showing for Tulsa!" Remember, Hump Days are a Member benefit and open to OGC and Northeast District club members. Non- or not-yet-members may come to learn, too!

Watch private [Members' FB group](#) for details on each Wednesday workshop. [RSVP](#) or ask questions of Sue Lovelace now OR by the Monday before each session to receive emails with "need to know/what to bring" updates.

See examples, below, of floral artistry and inspiration in action!

IT'S HUMP DAY!

FEBRUARY 7 AND 21,

MARCH 6 AND 20, APRIL 3, 2024



PREPARING FOR
APRIL 6, 2024

"SHOWING FOR TULSA!"
PETITE DESIGN SPECIALTY
FLOWER SHOW

9:30 - 11:30 AM
TULSA GARDEN
CENTER
BALLROOM



Click Terracycle image to learn more about FREE recycling programs to reduce our impact on our planet!



[Learn more](#). Help fund Tulsa Garden Club's formal and informal gardening education!

[NGC Gardening School and more!](#) Dig in to refresh or become a consultant! Register via [Eventbrite](#) or call Registrar Judy Grots, 918.630.1979.



History Bite

by Linda Smith, Member since 2017, and Judith Weaver, Member since 2016

YESTERDAY

Tulsa Garden Club's commitment to beautification projects dates back to the '30s. We have been persistent in promoting environmental concerns, conservation, and preservation to keep Oklahoma and Tulsa beautiful.



In 1962, the Tulsa Tribune reported that the Roadside Beautification committee of the Tulsa Garden Club had contributed time, work and money towards roadside parks and landscaping in Tulsa over the past 35 years. In 1970 the Club developed the idea to cover Oklahoma roadsides with flowers.

The Club presented a highway beautification plan to the 1972 state convention of garden clubs in Guymon called "Operation Wild Flower."

Our club raised awareness and support from more than 75

garden clubs and other organizations in Oklahoma to purchase seeds. The Oklahoma State Highway Commission approved the planting of seeds to line 12,000 miles of highways with native flowers.

Wild Flower Plot signs were placed in highway medians and city flower beds.



The Plot Thickens
Two Calhoun and Perry fields, employees of the Oklahoma Highway Department are in a field, but it's not that it is about to be planted with wild flowers. They're standing out of actual "Wild Flower Plot" signs which have appeared in Tulsa highway median flower beds such as the one at the bottom. Seed still of the Oklahoma Highway. The signs were read maintenance crews to avoid the plots when mowing. The bed will be seeded within the month. Calhoun said, with glycyrrhiza capsules containing flower seeds prepared by the Tulsa County Registered Professional Auxiliary, Last fall, the Tulsa Garden Club and other groups planted such seeds in the medians of Shady Grove and the Broken Arrow Expressway. (Photo by World Staff Photo)



UP WITH TREES—The first of what Street Commissioner Sid Patterson (right) hopes will be many trees along Tulsa Freeway is planted during a Monday ceremony along the Broken Arrow Expressway at 31st Street. Assisting are (from left) Judson Leard, president of G.E. Natio, which donated the first 50 trees; Mrs. W. C. Roads, co-chairman of the Up With Trees project; Mayor LaFortune; Marique Johnson, daughter of Natio employee Bill Johnson; and John Steiger, chairman of the Tulsa Centennial Commission. The beautification program, inspired by Oklahoma City Beautiful, has been a past project of Patterson's for several years. (Photo by Royce Craig)

Members also supported the cause "Up With Trees" to plant many trees along Tulsa Freeways. Pictured above is long-time Tulsa Garden Club Member Mrs. W. C. Roads, participating (second from left) in the first tree planting, March 16, 1976.

TODAY

Tulsa Garden Club's Up

With Trees Adopt A Tree Site is to the west of Highway 169 along the exit ramp to south 81st Street. It is filled with daffodils planted by Members. Pine trees offer year-round color and cover for wildlife. Structural crape myrtles bloom until late fall after the daffodils fade.



Resources: Club Archives with The Tulsa Tribune and Tulsa World newspaper articles, 1970-1976



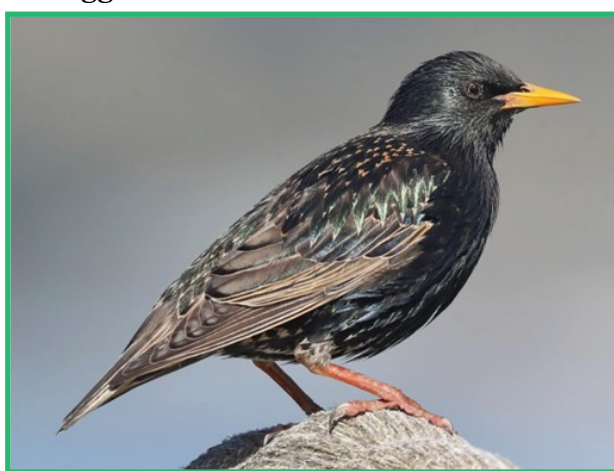
Gardening for Birds

by Judith Weaver, Member since 2016

What happened to my birdseed?

I am a fan of Scott@birdwatchinghq.com, a website filled with bird topics. I'm using Scott's information from an article called "Four Proven Ways to Get Rid of Starlings Today (2024)". Scott also has a channel on YouTube: www.youtube.com/@BirdWatchingHQ.

European Starlings (and Grackles) can become a problem for those who feed birds. Scott has come up with 4 proven ways to help keep huge numbers of starlings from cleaning out your backyard bird feeders. (Yes, they are God's creatures, beautiful and intelligent, yet they are aggressive and can take over the bird feeding area.)



European Starling difficult for starlings to wipe out the expensive seed you put out.

1. Offer foods that starlings don't like. Seeds with shells deter starlings. Choose black-oil sunflower, striped sunflower, safflower, peanuts in the shell, and niger seeds. Use plain suet without cracked corn, peanuts, or shelled seeds inside.

2. Use starling-proof bird feeders. Cage enclosed feeders, weight-sensitive feeders, and upside-down suet feeders make it more



Common Grackle

3. Eliminate potential starling nest locations. Starlings are cavity nesters. If starlings are nesting in your house vents or small openings, seal the openings with vent covers. Select birdhouses with entry holes no larger than 1.5".

4. Distract starlings with a second feeding station. Starlings love cracked corn, one of the cheapest bird foods. Offer cracked corn to starlings in a large feeder at least 15' away from the main feeding station. I feed birds so that I can sit on my patio and watch them.

I plan to implement one or more of Scott's ideas to control starlings so that the birds in my backyard will enjoy the sunflower seeds, peanuts, and suet in a bit of peace.

Learn more about the starling and grackle: AllAboutBirds.org

OKLAHOMA
Gardening

Watch #gardeningeducationpartner [Oklahoma Gardening](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvKwzGp8p8p8p8p8p8p8p8p8) on OETA, every weekend:

11 a.m. Saturday * 3 p.m. Sunday

Enjoy [Oklahoma Gardening Classics](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvKwzGp8p8p8p8p8p8p8p8p8) on YouTube, anytime!



Empowering Gardening Education

by Susan Foust, Member since 2021

Look how you can grow on with Tulsa Garden Club Buds & Blooms Youth tables in various locations!

- **April 6 *Showing for Tulsa!*** Petite Design Specialty Flower Show, Contest Awards and Recycled Sculpture Workshop, **Tulsa Garden Center**



- **April 12-15 *Springfest***, **Teaching Garden**
- **April 17 *Homeschool Group Visit***, the **Teaching Garden**
- **April 19 *Earth Day***, **Chandler Park**
- **April 26 *Arbor Day***, **Woodward Park Arboretum**
- **May 4 *Plant Pollinator Sale***, **Teaching Garden**
- **June 2-8 *National Garden Week***, **Teaching Garden**
- **July 13 *Pond Plant Sale***, **Teaching Garden**
- **Sept 14 *Fall Plant Sale***, **Teaching Garden**



Questions? Ready to help? Call one of your Youth Team!

Susan Foust * 918-607-3977

Jane Crawford Berger * 918-378-9855

Kimberly Thompson * 210-422-6320



Help Young Artists during

“Showing for Tulsa!”

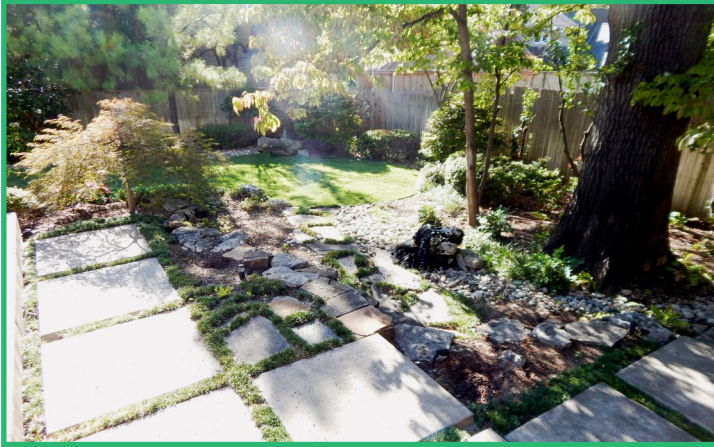
Bring to April 1 meeting: any odds & ends that you might recycle. Grab **plastic bits, parts or metal pieces of medical and food containers, bottles, caps, pumps, “geegaws and what-nots”**. Help young artists build animals, robots and other creations!

Click above image for recent KRJH “Positively Oklahoma” with Julie Chin.



Tulsa Heart & Soil

By Sandy Farris, Member since 2004



THANK YOU,
Nikki and Frank Rhoades
for sharing your garden
♥ 2744 South Victor Avenue ♥
during
Tulsa Heart & Soil!



73rd Annual Garden Tour
Tulsa Heart & Soil ♥
♥ 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday May 11, 2024
TulsaGardenClub@gmail.com
TulsaGardenClub.org
\$15 Advance Tickets at ♥ Advance Tickets via Eventbrite (scan QR)
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Watch for more on ♥
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and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/TulsaGardenClub)!

